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**Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for contacting Transport for Wales (TfW). Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our Data and Information Management Policy.

**You asked for the following information:**

The additional cost of external security that TFW have added since the start of the pandemic.

**Having reviewed your questions, we are able to provide the following information which follows your questions:**

The data below sets out the annual security costs for the year pre-Covid and then the two Covid years across the entire business. It should be noted that the security provision for face covering compliance was still required until 28 March 2022.

Year £

2019/20 1,826,766

2020/21 7,480,668

2021/22 5,992,339

It should also be noted that there are a variety of reasons for security to be in place, for example, crowd management, face covering compliance, ASB patrols and counter terrorism searches/cover. The figures presented above are security costs covering all reasons and are not only for face covering compliance.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cdwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".